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Black flag demonstration against Chief Minister of Travancore-Cochin State at Dindigul.

* 482 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a black flag demonstration against the Chief Minister of Travancore-Cochin State on 16th August 1954, at Dindigul by Tamil Arasu Kazhagam volunteers;

(*b*) whether the Government had taken any steps to prevent the demonstration; and

(*c*) if so, what they were?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Intimation regarding the proposed visit of the Chief Minister of Travancore-Cochin State to Dindigul on 16th August 1954 was received only late on the previous day. Immediate instructions were issued to the District authorities to make the necessary security arrangements. In spite of the extremely short notice, the Police not only made all arrangements, but the District Superintendent of Police, Madurai North, personally escorted the Travancore-Cochin Chief Minister and Public Works Department Minister to Gandhigram. The black flag demonstration was staged by Tamil Arasu Kazhagam members while they were proceeding to the Conference pandal and since it was peaceful, no action was taken against the demonstrators. I may, however, add that earlier in the day when there was a scuffle between rival groups of Tamil Arasu Kazhagam and Praja-Socialist Party Members, Police did intervene, arrested the trouble-makers and had them successfully prosecuted."

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, do the Government think 10 50 a.m.
that the black flag demonstration staged by Tamil Arasu Kazhagam volunteers has done more injury to the Hon. Chief Minister of Travancore-Cochin State than the injury he has done to the Tamilians and Tamil interests by the policy he has adopted in his State? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" How can the Hon. Minister know what had been in the mind of the Tamil Arasu Kazhagam volunteers? "

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, திருவாங்கூர் கொச்சி ராஜ்ய முதல் மந்திரி திண்டுக்கல்லுக்கு வரும் விஷயம் முதல் நாள்தான் தெரியும் என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லுகிறார்கள். அவர் ஒரு மகா நாட்டுக்கு வந்திருக்கிறார். அவர் வருவதுபற்றி விளம்பரங்கள் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. மந்திரி அவர்களுக்கு அது எல்லாம் தெரிந்திருக்கும். முதல் நாள் தான் தெரிந்தது என்பதை நம்பமுடியவில்லை. தமிழ் மக்களுக்குக் கோபம் உண்டாகக்கூடிய பல செயல்களையும் திருவாங்கூர், கொச்சி ராஜ்ய முதல் மந்திரி செய்துவந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறார் என்பதும் சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியும். ஆகவே அவர் வருவதன் காரணமாக ஒரு குழப்பம் ஏற்படலாமென்றும் மந்திரிக்குத் தெரிந்திருக்கும். இந்தச் சமயத்தில் வரவேண்டாமென்று இந்தச் சர்க்கார் அவருக்கு யோசனை சொல்லி இந்தச் சம்பவத்தை நடைபெறாமல் தடுத்திருக்க முடியாதா என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களைக் கேட்கிறேன்."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" All sorts of publicity are being given with reference to great personalities. As far as Chief Ministers and other Ministers belonging to other States are concerned, they are expected to inform the respective State Governments of their proposed visits to their States. In this case we received the information only on the previous day of his visit. So we could not take previous notice of the publicity given by a certain party for a certain conference. Apart from that, I do not think that we can prohibit other people from coming to our State. If our advice had been sought, certainly we would have given it but we do not give advice gratuitously."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are the Government satisfied that within the short notice, the authorities did all they could to prevent the occurrence? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is what I have already stated."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. Minister stated that if the advice had been sought it would have been given. Am I to take it that the advice was not given on their own because of the fear that that advice might not be accepted? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The question of fear did not arise at all because we did not know that he was coming over here till the previous day of his visit."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know whether it is not an accepted political principle to stage peaceful black flag demonstration against a Minister or a Chief Minister when he visits a particular State? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As a matter of fact we permitted the black flag demonstration even against the Prime Minister of India. Provided it is peaceful we do not interfere with it."

SRI S. N. SOMAYAJULU :—" திருநெல்வேலிக்கு வருவதாக இருந்த திருவாங்கூர், கொச்சி ராஜ்ய பிரதமர் பட்டம் தாணுப் பிள்ளை, பின்னர் வராமல் போய்விட்டார்கள் என்பதை வைத்துக்கொண்டே போலீஸார் நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கலாமல்லவா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் திண்டுக்கல்லிலிருந்து திருநெல்வேலிக்குப் போய்விட்டீர்களே. (சிரிப்பு.) நான் அடுத்த கேள்விக்குப் போகிறேன்."

Gratuity facilities to workers in the Transport department.

* 484 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether provident fund and gratuity facilities are given to City Transport Workers?

* Portions marked * * * expunged.